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BOXING CONTEST ENDS FATALLY

**Kid Olson Kills Rival for Purse
Offered for Boxing Exhibition at Myton.**

**BLOW TO JAW IN 7TH
ROUND CAUSES DEATH**

**Participants All Under Arrest—What
Might Have Happened Here
in Cedar City.**

Cedar people will recall that there was considerable talk and negotiations looking to a boxing contest in Cedar City, to have been "pulled off" during the Round-up at the B. A. C. last February; and some will remember feeling disappointed when the city council and other officials served notice that the "mill" would not be permitted, necessitating its being called off. After reading the following account of an exhibition that was staged at Myton March 11th, as published by the Myton News, we all have good reason to congratulate ourselves that this unfortunate affair is not laid at our door, for from what we are able to learn at least one of the participants in this disaster, "Kid Olson," was to have taken part in the contest that it was sought to stage here. The News' account follows:

Before an audience numbering seventy-five or eighty men and boys at the Myton opera house Saturday night last two young men, Arthur Olson and John Babcock, by name, deliberately fought each other through seven rounds when Olson administered a fatal blow to his opponent, knocking him to the floor and from the effects of which he died a few hours later.

The contest was for a prize of \$250 which was to go to the "best man." And Olson proved the best man. He killed his opponent.

The body of young Babcock lay in the opera house until Sunday afternoon when Justice Dauwalder, acting as coroner, summoned a jury to hold an inquest. M. Knudsen, Chas. Milne and A. F. Maxwell were selected as a jury. After considerable deliberation and the close questioning of several witnesses who were present, the jury returned the following verdict:

"We the jury find that John R. Babcock came to his death by a blow delivered to the jaw by one Arthur Olson at 11:32 p. m., March 11th, in a boxing contest on the stage of the Myton opera house."

C. D. Stokes, the promoter, had been in town about two weeks arranging for the "entertainment." He claims to be a commercial traveler and carries prize fights as a side line wherever proper "encouragement is given."

Stokes in his own defense made the following statement to a News reporter:

"I came to Myton as a commercial traveler selling portraits and brought in the two boys to match a boxing contest, if I could get a permit from the town and if there was any encouragement from the business men. I agreed to put up \$250 of my own money as a stake. The Mayor and the Council gave me encouragement and the mayor and the business men promised they were willing to boost the boxing contest. I paid \$15 for the opera house."

Stokes' claim that he met with much encouragement here seems to be borne out by the facts. The Free Press, a newspaper owned by local business men and W. H. Smart of Roosevelt, greeted the coming of promoter Stokes cordially in the following article printed in its issue of Mar. 2nd:

"C. D. Stokes of Price, arrived in Myton Friday, bringing with him two boys of considerable reputation among sporting people of the state. Young Battling Olson whose ability in the prize ring will put him in the running for the lightweight championship of the world, and John Babcock who has been making an enviable reputation in the ring of late. The exhibition will take place at the Myton opera house Mar. 11. The principals will compete for a prize of \$250, winner take all. They will do all of their training in Myton. Olson has engaged training quarters at Doc Beaver's (saloon) and Babcock at Shelton's (saloon). The public is invited to visit the training quarters and see the boys in action."

"Mr. Stokes comes from Price well recommended and the boxing exhibition he is promoting WILL BE CLEAN IN EVERY PARTICULAR."

Deputy Sheriff Geo. Mulvey, acting under instructions from Sheriff Watkins, on Monday placed under arrest the following persons: C. D. Stokes,

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ENDS CAREER OF NOTORIOUS BEAR

**Terror of Garfield County Range
for Past Ten Years is
Now Laid Low.**

**HAS KILLED HUNDREDS
OF VALUABLE CATTLE**

**Lucky Hunters Make Nice Haul for
Their Courageous Work in
Slaying Monster Grizzly.**

Coyote, March 18.—The famous old grizzly bear, which for ten years has been living on the choicest cattle on the range, has at last been killed. To Chess Riddle and Rube Jolley the honor is due and the "wake" was held yesterday, in connection with the celebration of St. Patrick's day.

It was Thursday, March 16, that the old bear fell prey to the marksmanship of the hunters and when they brought the carcass home there was great rejoicing. He measured eight feet from tip to tip and weighed a ton. The fat on his back was eight inches thick and his fore-foot measured 14 inches. The regular state bounty for a grizzly is \$25 and to this was added \$200 by local cattlemen. The bounty, added to the value of the carcass and the hide, and premiums showered on the nimrods by enthusiastic ranchers, will net Mr. Riddle and Mr. Jolley a neat sum for their work.

Last fall the old grizzly crossed over to the west side and after killing a few head of cattle he was not in evidence again until last Wednesday, when he killed a cow belonging to Mr. Riddle. Chess rode over to Mr. Jolley's ranch and the two set out on the hot trail. They sighted him first about 300 yards away and began shooting with a 32-40 and a 25-35. Nearly every shot, they said, hit the mark, but only served to make the bear angry.

He chased the hunters back down the hill and then climbed again toward the ridge and went out of sight. The trail was now bloody and easy to follow. The ranchers went back after their horses and followed the trail three miles before they caught up again. Bruin was climbing another hill. They aimed at the back of his head and both aimed true. The bear fell forward, but was not yet dead. They ran close and gave him one more, in the ear. He staggered to his feet and tried to give chase, but was too far gone. He rose to his full height, gave a terrific growl and death call, and pitched forward full length, dead, almost at the very feet of the hunters. It was all over; the old bear had killed his last cow.

This particular bear began his raids 10 years ago. He was larger than most bears in his youth, and grew still larger and became a menace and a fear, greater and greater, as the seasons passed. His fame spread and many an attempt has been made to bring him in, all unsuccessful until this last; and there are those even yet, who aver that it was a handicap of old age that proved his downfall—that the old grizzly was not able to "come back."

The old bear's favorite meat was choice young cow. His method of attack was to jump on his victim's back, bear her down, tear her open and eat the lungs and choicest portion of the carcass. One prominent ranchman here, C. E. Rowan, declared the bear knew his brand; Mr. Rowan has been the heaviest loser, but all have suffered. During the past 10 or 12 seasons this same bear has killed hundreds of head of choice cattle and the losses he has inflicted have run way into the thousands.—Deseret Evening News.

Bettenson-Webster Wedding.
As we are just closing our forms on this issue, we learn of the wedding this evening of Leland Bettenson, a student of B. A. C. from Circleville and Miss Annette Webster of this city who until recently has been employed as a clerk in the Cedar Sheep Association. Mr. Bettenson has the reputation of being a good student and an exemplary young man, and the only objection we have to the match is that it is likely to remove from our midst one of our sweetest girls as well as one of our most talented musicians. Everyone is acquainted with Miss Webster's beautiful soprano voice, and she will be greatly missed by the young people who decide to locate elsewhere.

The Record offers sincere congratulations.

All the fruit that is out in bloom in this section of the country is doomed for destruction tonight, from the appearance of the weather.

SOME ECHOES FROM THE STATE TOURNEY

**Brigham Papers Where Tourney
Held, Give Credit Where
Credit is Due.**

**B. A. C. TEAM EASILY
OUTCLASSED OTHERS**

**Referred to as Giants, With Brain and
Brawn and Skill and Endurance
—"Back to the Farm."**

The Box Elder News and Journal, published at Brigham City, Box Elder county, each give the B. A. C. basketball team a great "send-off" on the victory which it won in the recent high school tournament held at that place. Following are excerpts from the News account of the games:

"B. A. C. Wins Tournament."
"The best Box Elder could do in the state basketball tournament, was to tie for third place. A number of circumstances brought about this condition, chief of which were two accidents that occurred Saturday night, and which resulted in the 'lifting' of Rufus Jeppson. He had already made five field baskets and the first half ended with Box Elder in the lead by one point. It was in the final moment of the last half that he got a bad blow on the right leg which tied a knot in the tendon and despite the vigorous treatment administered by Coach Roskelley, the muscle would not straighten out and Rufus had to go.

The team was going like lightning and the big Levi five was having the busiest time of its life to keep out of the way of the youngsters when the accident happened. When Jeppson went out, the crisis had been passed and the three point lead Levi had could not be overcome. Norman Watkins also suffered a bad strain of a tendon but he was able to continue playing. These unfortunate accidents for there was no question in the minds of the spectators of the ability of the local five to clean up Levi on a close score. The game ended 27 to 24 for Levi.

"On Friday evening the boys met their more than equals in the Branch Agricultural College giants. When the two teams appeared on the floor together, the home boys almost looked like pigmies and during the game the little fellows had the big fellows jumping around in the liveliest kind of fashion. They never had a ghost of a chance, however, for the B. A. C. was bigger and just as fast a fact that was surprising after the showing the farmers made on the first evening of the tourney. They are a marvelous five. Big, supple, fast as lightning and heady, always playing the game with the most perfect team work. They easily outclassed all other teams and by all odds ought to have gone through the meet with a thousand per cent credit. They cleaned up Box Elder 31 to 18 which does not begin to tell the story of the battle for the farmers had to work every minute of the time to get the ball through the basket. Their superior size made it possible to pass the ball with unerring accuracy, because they could throw high and catch high, higher than the local huskies could reach with a jump. The way the home youngsters went after the big fellows was some caution and good to look upon, for the boys were in the game from the first whistle to the last gun.

"The big farmers from Cedar City romped home with the championship last night in a slow game with Levi, which coppers second place. The result was never in doubt and the big fellows are fully entitled to their victory. Coach Christensen has a wonderful aggregation of clean fighters and heady players. Some of them have been in the state tourney before and are therefore veterans. One good lady who formerly lived down at Cedar City, remarked, when the boys appeared on the floor the first night, 'Sunshine and sage brush certainly develops manhood,' and if that is the formulae the balance of the state can profit by its publication. The score was 25 to 19.

"In losing out, Box Elder is filled with disappointment as are all her loyal followers. The B. A. C. team was regarded as the biggest obstacle in the path to victory, so a tough battle was anticipated. To lose to that team was no dishonor; to have fought so well against such tremendous odds simply illustrates again the wonderful fighting qualities of the home team, the qualities which carried it through the season with a clean record so far as the Northern division is concerned. The breaks of the game were against our boys on the final evening of the tournament, and they lost through ill luck purely.

The meet was characterized by a record attendance. The gym was packed every night and hundreds of fans were turned away. The games were played in true sportsmanlike manner and the rulings of the officials generally gave satisfaction. President Moss of the State Basketball Association expressed himself as being delighted with the reception tendered by Brigham City and the enthusiasm manifested at the games. Every promise made by the local committee in order to get the tourney here, was

fully lived up to and not a single unpleasant incident occurred to mar the contests. When the home team was not on the floor, the crowd divided itself in favor of each contesting team and cheered them to the echo."

The News also published an account of the game written by Walter King, one of the sporting reporters for the Salt Lake Tribune, from which the following is taken:

"Box Elder fans were indeed fortunate to see such great games as featured the 1916 state high school basketball tournament. Despite the disappointment of the Brigham City team the article of ball set up by all four fives was of a high grade and the biggest and most experienced quintette of the bunch, the Branch Agricultural College five, appeared to be the cream of the competing schools. "In the Branch Agricultural College local enthusiasts saw one of the greatest scholastic aggregations ever assembled in the state. Four men held over from 1915, together with a new guard and with the brainy Jack Christensen in charge they went through the Southern division schedule without a defeat and scarcely a close game against them.

"Bunker, Woodward, Griffin, Captain Hansen were on the B. A. C. team last year, which was in the state tournament. Thorley, a freshman, was developed by Christensen and he fitted into the well oiled machine perfectly.

"For the first three nights of the tournament the Branch A. C. led the team scoring with a total of eighty-five points. Levi was second with seventy-six. Box Elder was third, with sixty-four and Tooele finished last, scoring fifty-two. "However, it may be a source of much satisfaction to Brigham to think that one of its players led the individual field goal scoring. 'Boof' Jeppson made eleven, although he was out in the latter part of the second half of the game against Levi. This star forward looks good for a place among the 1916 stars.

"Three ranked second with ten. They were: Hansen, B. A. C.; Wanless, Levi; and Griffin, B. A. C. Hansen should be given much credit because of his position at guard and he showed much accuracy on his shooting and in all demonstrated himself to be one of the premier all around guards in the meet. He held his forward close in the Friday and Saturday games, but an injury in Thursday's handicapped him to a certain extent. Griffin, the B. A. C. center, who appears to be the all state pivot man, showed considerable skill in long hard shots. Wanless played good ball throughout the tourney.

"How? Croft, the Tooele star forward, scored nine goals, although in his first night's game he missed numerous easy ones, due chiefly to nervousness. Croft was the best foul pitcher of the tournament, getting sixteen out of twenty-six. The throwing from the foul line of the other teams was far below standard and especially in the case of Ray Jensen of Brigham, who many regard as the best man in the state in this department, got but fifteen out of twenty-nine.

"Branch A. C. made thirty-six field goals to Levi's twenty-eight. Levi scored twenty points on fouls to Tooele and Box Elder's sixteen. Levi had forty-four chances from the foul line."

"And the following is taken from the Box Elder Journal, also published at Brigham City:

"Champions are Champions Anyway."

"Well, the big state tournament for the basketball championship has come and gone, and while it would have given us unmitigated pleasure to have recorded our own beloved, plucky Box Elder High team as the winners of state honors, still are we comforted by the fact that they did their level best and who can do more? Even Napoleon, that consummate leader, could not always win battles, and if our boys had not down before a battle with giants we have the consolation that they went down with colors flying after a plucky, manly fight against overwhelming odds.

"Sometimes we laugh at the big fellows and boast that brains and brawn counts, but when brawn and brain are mixed in good proportions they make a combination well nigh invincible. But amidst our chagrin let us not forget the great record of our local team in winning games all over nearly everywhere, and also their wonderful achievement in pulling the state tournament to Brigham City in competition with cities of greater population.

"But we must admit, however, that on Friday night, in playing the B. A. C. boys they met their surprises. In physique there was no comparison. Before the towering forms of those giants our boys appeared mere pigmies. It was a battle with giants, in which our boys were outclassed and outdone, for the B. A. C. team could reach into the 'upper' atmosphere and manipulate the ball, whereas our boys, by reason of their smaller stature, were close to mother earth and had no show. Then again not only were the farmers giants in size, but they had speed, power, brain and endurance.

"In a word, our boys met their 'Waterloo' when they ran up against this combination of size and brain, and it was a case of the best team winning, and the best team did win. That's all there is about it. But we are proud of our home boys for they are true sports and took their defeat in the right way. Nor will they sulk in their tents; of this we are assured. They have made a splendid record and attracted state-wide attention for

FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CEDAR VALLEY

**J. W. Paxman of the U. A. C.
Takes Active Interest in
Securing Settlers.**

**1,500 ACRES NEEDED,
HALF IS NOW LISTED**

**Would Interest a Good Strong Selling
Agency to Bring Opportunities
to Attention of Homeseekers.**

Mr. J. W. Paxman of the Utah Agricultural College spent a day of last week and Monday and Tuesday of this week was here again looking over lands in this valley that might be available for sale, should a workable organization be effected to place the same on the market. Mr. Paxman on his visits of inspection in the past looking into the agricultural possibilities of this section, has seen that no adequate development can be made with the present population so limited and so grossly engaged in other pursuits of a remunerative character. Our lands are held, in the main, by a few persons, and upon whom they have become a burden. He believes a movement can and should be put on foot to have these lands divided into small tracts and bonafide settlers put on them who can and will develop the waste land into paying farms. The best thing that can happen to us to bring our possibilities to the front and increase our resources, is to have from one hundred to two hundred families take up their residence with us and bring from the soil the wealth that now lies dormant therein.

How This May be Accomplished.

There is one way to accomplish this in the estimation of Mr. Paxman, and that is for the present land owners to list all the surplus lands they have, placing upon them a moderately low price that will be attractive, and then enlist the co-operation of some strong reliable selling agency, who are already organized to handle the matter of bringing prospective homeseekers to inspect the lands. It will probably take a few months to make proper connections with the necessary forces, and this cannot be done until something certain and material can be ascertained at this end.

It is for this purpose that Mr. Paxman is interesting himself and making a sort of a preliminary survey of the situation here, believing that if enough land can be obtained under a satisfactory option, at a low enough price, the proposition could be put up to some concern that will become interested and put forth their energies to bring settlers here.

To enlist the activities of a good, strong, reliable selling agency, there would have to be about 15,000 acres available for sale. Mr. Paxman has promises for over half this amount, with what effort he has made, and would like for all others who have desirable lands in the valley, to write him at Nephi, giving number of acres, character and condition of the land, also location and price asked; and if there can be enough listed at a low enough price, he will continue his efforts and interest some selling agency to operate in this section. You should write Mr. Paxman within the next two weeks, and then if conditions warrant, a movement will be made to get options and agreements into some tangible and satisfactory shape.

Let everyone help this movement and report the lands for sale to Mr. Paxman at once.

their game, sportsmanlike qualities. This temporary reverse will only act as fuel to their zest and determination, and next year when our boys grow 'bigger,' then let the B. A. C. look out lest they lose their laurels.

In the final try-out of last Monday night the big farmers had it all their own way. From start to finish there was never a moment in the game when the Levi men had a chance. It is written somewhere in the good book, 'There were giants in the land in those days,' and that just explains it. The big fellows of the B. A. C. deserve their victory. They are veterans at the job; they have brain and brawn, and skill and endurance, and what do they need more? In losing out to them our boys lose to worthy foes. It is no dishonor to lose to such a mighty aggregation; it is an honor to have met with and played them.

The slogan now is, 'Back to the farm,' and certainly the B. A. C. boys are most magnificent specimens of the outdoor habit. They easily won from Levi with a score of 25 to 19 in their favor. This gives the state championship to the Branch Agricultural College boys with Levi holding second honors."

IMPROVEMENTS FOR CEDAR CITY

**Present Season to be Important
One in Development of the
Southern Metropolis.**

**NEW BUSINESS BLOCKS
AND MODERN HOMES**

**Cedar Sheep Association and Cedars
Hotel to Erect Expensive Blocks,
Laundry and Garage Also Planned.**

That Cedar City is to enjoy a substantial building boom this season is evident from the program now outlined for new business structures as well as a number of new and modern homes. Among the most important improvements planned are the following:

A new two story pressed brick and glass store building for the Cedar Sheep Association, which will be built on the site of the old original building now occupied by Arthur's office, and which according to the present preliminary plans will be 40x100 feet, with full cement basement, and will be modern in every respect. The cost will be anywhere from \$12,000 to \$15,000. As yet the plans are not fully matured, but it is the intention of the board at its next meeting to employ an architect and appoint a building committee to outline the improvements and have the plans and specifications drawn. It is the expectation of the superintendent that the building will be completed and ready for occupancy before next winter sets in.

Mrs. Catharine G. Bell, proprietor of the Cedars Hotel, already a mor of the Cedars Hotel, which is already a modern three-story building, has announced her intention of erecting another building at least as large, to adjoin her other structure on the north, and which will cost upwards of \$10,000.00.

J. M. Bladen of the Palace Drug Store, is figuring on the erection of a large business block a few rods south of the present Palace Drug Store, which will house Cedar City's new steam laundry and a large garage for Mr. Don Coppin, who announces that he will install not less than \$1,000 worth of new equipment as soon as the building is ready for occupancy.

In addition to these, are the improvements now in progress at the Ward Hall, costing \$7,000 and the remodeling of the Gem Theatre, which go to swell the list. A number of other minor improvements are contemplated for the present season.

Then there are the residences, of which a number of modern, up-to-date cottages will be built this season. Among others, William and James Smith, Archie Swapp and some others are arranging to build.

A new, modern, \$60,000 school house has just been completed, as well as a number of new homes, all of which is evidence that Cedar City has a bright future, and that people are coming to recognize this as the geographical as well as the educational center of the south, and withal a mighty good place to live and rear a family.

And still there is room for many more newcomers of the right class—people who are boosters and who do things.

The Cedar City Drug Company has purchased a business site from the proprietor of the Cedars Hotel, with a 30 foot frontage on the north side of this property, facing Main. It is the intention of the management of the Drug company to erect a building thereon at the expiration of their lease on the Knell quarters, which runs for some two or three years yet. The building will be 30x80 feet, and the wall will join over the top of a drive way with the new addition to the hotel, which is to be built the present year. When this is done, there will be a solid block of business buildings extending from the Wink jewelry shop on the south to the alley north of the Knell block, except for the 25 foot front owned just south of The Record building by Henry Leigh & Sons, and it has been intimated that they intend erecting a business building on this ground in the not distant future. Steadily, but certainly, Cedar City is building up.